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Exhibit X.A.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Angela Faherty, Ph.D., Commissioner

DATE: October 13, 2010

SUBJECT: Consideration of Recommendation – *Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility*

STATEMENT OF FACT

On April 24, 2008, Governor Baldacci signed L.D. 2175, Resolve Chapter 223, To Ensure Support for a Model of Consolidated and Integrated Secondary and Postsecondary Education. The Resolve requires the following:

That the Department of Education shall recommend to the State Board of Education an innovative model of consolidated and integrated secondary and postsecondary education that includes facilities for:

- 1. A regional high school;*
- 2. A fully integrated career and technical high school;*
- 3. A higher education center that will provide courses and degrees from both the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System; and*
- 4. Centers of excellence that will provide industry-specific training; and be it further*

The model selected must:

- 1. Promote the development of a “one campus” design, where all facilities are located on one site, providing a streamlined and integrated learning experience for students of all ages;*
- 2. Integrate and consolidate administrative responsibilities on the campus wherever possible, thereby reducing costs for overhead and shared functions;*
- 3. Be located in a region with high schools whose consolidation would benefit future generations of students and provide reduced costs to the communities involved;*
- 4. Have an advisory body that is integrated with the local economy, including the community involvement of students, citizens, business leaders, teachers, parents and organizations to promote both employment opportunities for students and citizens and a skilled workforce optimal for economic development; and*
- 5. Serve as an example for other school districts and areas of the State; and be it further*

That, not later than December 31, 2008, the Department of Education shall recommend, and the State Board of Education shall select, a qualified applicant to implement the innovative model pursuant to this Resolve.

The Department complied with the requirements of Resolve 223 and the Commissioner announced the applicants' ratings on December 15, 2008. Both applicants sought Administrative Review in accordance with Maine Department of Education Req. 61(4)(3), and the Review Committee's decision required that the Department conduct the process again following the recommendations outlined in the Review Committee's written Findings of Fact and Decision. In addition, Maine Department of Education Req. 61 was amended (effective August 15, 2009) to clarify the required criteria for the project.

In March 2010, the Department received two applications for an Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility, one from Many Flags in Knox County and one from the Sanford School Department. The applications were reviewed and evaluated based on Maine Department of Education Req. 61, Section 15, "Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility." Based on those ratings, the Priority List is as follows:

1. Many Flags/One Campus
2. Sanford School Department

Note: The Evaluation Reports were sent to the two applicants on June 23, 2010. In accordance with Chapter 61(4)(3), Sanford requested an Administrative Review on July 23, 2010. The Administrative Review informal hearing was conducted on August 20, 2010, in accordance with the regulatory timelines, and the Administrative Review Team's written Findings of Fact and Decision upholding the ratings was issued to the applicants on September 21, 2010.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On October 4, 2010, the Construction Committee voted unanimously to forward this exhibit to the State Board of Education.

COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education accept the Priority List, and select the first project on the Priority List.